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EVENT NOTICE

International Energy Agency Announces Release of U.S. CHP/DHC Scorecard

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has published its new report *Combined Heat and Power (CHP)/District Heating and Cooling (DHC) Country Scorecard: United States*. This was announced today by IEA International CHP/DHC Collaborative Partner Mark Odom of Chevron Energy at the US Clean Heat & Power Association meeting in Washington, DC.

The new IEA United States *Scorecard* finds that the country has a long history of using CHP and DHC—8% of US electricity generation is provided by 85 gigawatts of installed CHP capacity, the largest installed capacity in the world. However, there is much greater potential for CHP and DHC that can be tapped by a more active government policy focus to address key barriers such as lack of recognition of CHP in GHG regulation, and lack of economical procedures for interconnecting CHP to the power grid. The report finds that several US States are playing a key role in adopting innovative policy solutions, like providing incentives for CHP via inclusion in portfolio standard mandates and other programmes. The report gives the US a “3 star” rating (out of 5) for its efforts.

CHP and DHC are existing technologies that offer substantial energy supply efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction benefits. As such, the IEA is providing advice to the G8 nations on how to increase the use of CHP/DHC by analysing lessons learned in CHP markets, technologies and policies in leading countries, including the United States. Each *Scorecard* evaluates the country's success in achieving increased use of CHP and DHC.

For more information about CHP/DHC applications and markets, promotion policies, environmental benefits, stakeholders and barriers, see the complete *CHP/DHC Country Scorecard: United States*, available on the IEA website at <http://www.iea.org/G8/CHP/profiles/us.pdf>.

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